

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Yokoyama *et al.*  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
AND AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action of December 10, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fee is hereby submitted with a three month extension of time. Please note the following:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.